

LETTER
FROM THE
Lord Chancellor
OF
POLAND,
TO
General TECKLEY.

JANUARY the 10th. 1684:

Renowned and Great Prince,

UPON the reiterated desire of Your Highness contained in several Letters, I can return no other Answer, But that His Majesty, my Gracious Master, without any Design of prejudicing any, arrived in *Hungary*, but that he took on him the part of a Mediator, in Opposition to that Enemy of Christendom, and with great earnestness he insisted much with the Emperour, to reconcile you and the *Hungarians* to him; But Your Highness shewed Your self sufficiently of other Inclinations to be otherwise minded, then to agree with his Inclinations and Actions, as appeared by Your Letters, as also by Your Deputies and Agent, the *Heer Verna*; as also in the Return home of His Majesty my Master, without rejecting or renewing of his Mediation. Nay, at that very time while Your Deputies were present with His Majesty, the Souldiers of Your Highness attacked the Army of His Majesty, and with great Barbarity treated the Weak and Sick, and played upon them with Your great Guns, from the Fortifications of *Caschau* and *Espeirs*, as though they had been Enemies; the which mischief might have been prevented,

prevented, if according to the Council at *Graz*) the Army of the Emperour and my Master had been intermingled, and that a *Polish Regiment* had been Quartered with an *Imperial*, and an *Imperial* with a *Polish Regiment*, in different places; And according to your Highnesses wish and desire, that the Thirteen Earldoms (some of which places were relinquish't by Your Highnesses Souldiers) might be possessed by some of the *Polish Army*, His Majesty readily granted. The Deputies of Your Highness must also acknowledge, That His Majesty, my Gracious Lord, was much displeased, that his Men had burn some Villages in this cold Winter: for they have seen, and his eyes are Witnesses, with what severity he forbid the same, and how severely he punish't those that were guilty thereof. They have also beheld with what great Inclination he receiv'd the *Hungarian Prisoners*, & how ready he was to afford all assistance for curing their Wounds, & furnishing them with Necessaries to return home, thereby shewing how much he was Inclined to reconcile the *Hungarian Kingdom*. And yet notwithstanding all this the Souldiers of Your Highness, fell on a Party of Foot of His Majesties and roured them, who were not intended as an assistance to the Emperour, but only as they were passing to those Winter Quarters that were assigned them; which was not expected, that so good Inclinations should be so ill required; for which reason there remains nothing more for the King my Master to do, but to release himself of the Mediation, in regard he hath been treated with so much ill Gratitude. In the mean time His Majesty hath received abundance of Comfort from the Almighty, his Armies to this time remaining Victorious, having taken *Budspack* and *Bialgrade*, and hath engaged the *Walachians* to an Oath of Fidelity to the Army of the *Cassocks*, and is bringing all into subjection to him, betwixt the River *Tyrus*, and the *Danube*; all which I have thought good to inform Your Highness of, that so you may be perswaded, That the King my Master is not so much exalted by his success, but that he could well wish that *Poland* and *Hungary* might be restored to a good friendship, accordingly as hath been formerly. I have thought it also highly necessary, upon the account of the Respect I bear you, to admonish you to desist from the Persecution and besieging of the Renowned *Earl of Hunava*; as also desisto to desist from disturbing the Souldiers of my Master in their Winter Quarters; and the more, for that the Renowned *Earl* is under the particular protection of the Serene King my Master, or otherwise it will clearly appear, That Your Highness puts no esteem upon the Favour and Respects of the King my Master, and intend to renounce his friendship, and to cut off all hopes of the Negotiation, and intend to declare open Acts of Hostility against Him. Which whether it will be serviceable to Your Highness, according to your Wisdom you will be able to judge. In the mean time I shall be ready, and also promise to use all Offices for the service of your Highness.

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